

I live in Raleigh NC. We have two stations that are owned by the Sinclair Broadcasting that are being forced to air a propaganda piece that has no basis in fact (I.E. documentation) to support it. This is blatant use of the airwaves to promote a group of people's (the directors of this company) self-interest in the election to the presidency of someone they support. This is not legitimate news.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.